TITLE: ACCSP: Moving Beyond Commercial Catch and Effort

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OBJECTIVE:

ABSTRACT:

For the first several years of the program, the ACCSP primarily focused on getting standards and systems in place to guide comprehensive collection of commercial catch and effort data (dealer reports and/or vessel trip reports). Now that the standards are completed, and coast-wide, trip level data collection is rapidly becoming a reality, the ACCSP is moving into other areas with new programs.

New initiatives to collaboratively set coast wide biological sampling targets and track both the targets and progress towards meeting them are under way. The ACCSP is pursuing regulatory metadata collection and integration into the existing data warehouse by funding first a now completed pilot project, and over the course of the next two years, the development, deployment, and population of a regulatory metadata system.

In addition, work is well under way to provide better access to MRFSS data using the ACCSP flexible user interface. Sometime during FY 2005, these new queries should be made available to ACCSP users. They include: bag limit analysis, percent of total catch, frequency distributions of gear use and disposition of catch, and various summaries of sample sizes.